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SUBJECT: SA TERRORISM ACT: STATE VS. MOUMBARIS ET AL.

REF: DURBAN 107

1. LAWYERS COMMITTEE INFORMED US IT HAS SENT U. S. \$5000 TO BUGWANDEEN FIRM WITH LIKELIHOOD OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. THOUGH WE DID NOT ENCOURAGE OR SUGGEST COMMITTEE INVOLVE ITSELF IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF ACTIONS IT TAKES.

2. IN LIGHT POLITICALLY SENSITIVE NATURE OF CHARGES AGAINST DEFENDANTS IN THIS CASE, YOU MAY DRAW UPON FOLLOWING AT YOUR DISCRETION IN RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS CONCERNING LAWYERS COMMITTEE.

3. LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW IS A PRIVATE, APOLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES, FORMED IN 1963 AND COMPOSED OF A NUMBER OF EMINENT, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN ATTORNEYS INCLUDING THE PRESENT INCUMBENT AND SEVEN FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION. THOUGH ITS PRIMARY ACTIVITY IS
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THE PROMOTION, IN THE UNITED STATES, OF RESPECT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW, IT ALSO ASSISTS ATTORNEYS ABROAD WITH A VIEW TOWARDS ENCOURAGING RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS. A DECISION BY THE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DEFENSE COUNSEL OUTSIDE THE U. S. REFLECTS NO OPINION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF THE ACCUSED, BUT ONLY THE CONVICTION THAT ACCUSED PERSONS SHOULD RECEIVE A PROPER DEFENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULE OF LAW. ROGERS

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